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SUMMARY: SOVIET TREATMENT THUS FAR OF THE XI CONGRESS OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA HAS SHOWN RESTRAINED WARMTH. END SUMMARY.

1. MOSCOW HAS PUT THE BEST FACE POSSIBLE ON RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA BUT THE SOVIET CENTRAL COMMITTEE GREETING AND KULAKOV'S SPEECH ON JUNE 21 AT A MEETING IN THE TOWN OF SMEDEREVO (CARRIED IN LENGTHY SUMMARY IN THE SOVIET PRESS) INDICATE THAT RELATIONS ARE STILL CLOUDED BY DIFFICULTIES. KULAKOV STATED THAT PARTY AND STATE RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS "HAVE
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RECEIVED FURTHER DEVELOPMENT" AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE GREETING DECLARED THAT FRIENDSHIP AND RELATIONS "ARE DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING." BOTH FORMULATIONS APPEAR TO US FLAT, THE MINIMUM THAT COULD BE SAID UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. ON THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, NEITHER KULAKOV'S

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SPEECH NOR THE CC CPSU GREETINGS WHICH
WERE PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA JUNE 21 CONTAINED A
REFERENCE TO PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, BUT THEY
ABOUNDED IN STATEMENTS CONCERNING "INTERNATIONALIST
SOLIDARITY," "MUTUAL SUPPORT" OF CP'S, AND
"PROLETARIAN SOLIDARITY." THE GREETING ACKNOWLEDGED
THE POSSIBILITY OF "CREATIVE APPLICATION OF MARXIST-
LENINIST THEORY," BUT SPOKE ALSO OF THE "OBJECTIVE
LAWS" OF THE TRANSFORMATION FROM CAPITALISM TO
SOCIALISM AND BALANCED A RECOGNITION OF THE CONCRETE
CONDITIONS EXISTING IN EACH COUNTRY WITH THE NEED
TO APPLY "THE COMMON EXPERIENCES" OF COUNTRIES
BUILDING SOCIALISM. THESE FORMULATIONS, IMPLYING
THE EXISTENCE OF GUIDELINES FOR ALL PARTIES, COULD
HARDLY HAVE PLEASED THE YUGOSLAVS.

3. KULAKOV WAS MORE GENERAL IN HIS TREATMENT OF THIS
SAME SUBJECT. IN A STATEMENT WHICH SEEMED MORE HARSH
THAN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED, KULAKOV ATTACKED
EFFORTS OF THE "CLASS ENEMY" TO EXPLOIT DIFFERENCES
AMONG COMMUNIST PARTIES IN ORDER TO TRANSFORM THESE
DIFFERENCES INTO A SPLIT. PRESUMABLY KULAKOV WAS
ATTEMPTING TO BLAME ANY MANIFESTATIONS OF SOVIET-
YUGOSLAV DIFFICULTIES ON THE MACHINATIONS OF THE
"CLASS ENEMY" AND HE SAID THAT "INTERNATIONALIST
SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION" AMONG CP'S WOULD
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OVERCOME THE "INTRIGUES OF OUR ADVERSARIES." HE
WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE BERLIN CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN
CP'S HAD DEMONSTRATED THE WILLINGNESS OF COMMUNIST
PARTIES TO SETTLE QUESTIONS "AS A UNITED FRONT,"
PROBABLY HOPING THEREBY TO APPEASE ANY YUGOSLAV
CONCERN THAT MOSCOW MIGHT ASK FOR CLOSER POLICY
COORDINATION TO MEET THESE "INTRIGUES."

4. KULAKOV'S PRESENCE AT BELGRADE IS CONSISTENT
WITH THE DEMANDS OF PROTOCOL. IF THE SOVIETS HAD
WANTED TO SIGNAL REAL WARMTH IN RELATIONS, SUSLOV
OR POSSIBLY EVEN BREZHNEV COULD HAVE GONE TO BELGRADE.
AS IT IS, KULAKOV IS GIVEN A LITTLE MORE FOREIGN
EXPOSURE AND THE YUGOSLAVS ARE ASSURED BY THE
PRESENCE OF A FULL MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO WHO
HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN RELATIONS WITH THE EAST EUROPEAN
PARTIES THAT MOSCOW CONTINUES TO SEEK TO MAINTAIN
RELATIONS ON THEIR CURRENT FOOTING AND THAT
IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES CONTINUE TO BE KEPT WITHIN
LIMITS WHICH DO NOT MATERIALLY AFFECT THESE
RELATIONS. TOON

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